

# **ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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# **ACTION**

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## **SUMMARY**

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission published a document in the Federal Register on March 24, 2020, Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Requirements; Request for Public Comment.

## Correction

In the Federal Register on March 24, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-06086 on page 16621, in the second column, correct the Supplementary Information to read:

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The EAC is placing the proposed VVSG 2.0 Requirements as submitted by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) out for a 90-day public comment period. The EAC is asking for comments regarding all sections of the VVSG 2.0 Requirements.

The EAC made the decision to undertake the drafting of VVSG 2.0 as a result of feedback received over several years from a variety of stakeholders including, state and local election officials, voting system manufacturers, and usability, accessibility and security interest groups.

The TGDC proposed a different structure for developing the VVSG 2.0 than in previous years. This structure differs significantly from previous versions of the VVSG because the VVSG 2.0

Requirements are presented in a separate document from the VVSG 2.0 Principles and

Guidelines. The VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines are high-level system design goals and a

broad description of the functions that make up a voting system. The EAC sought public

comments on the VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines from February 28, 2019 to June 7, 2019.

Aligned with the VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines, the VVSG 2.0 Requirements represent

the requirements to which a voting system is tested to obtain certification under the EAC Testing

and Certification Program.

The TGDC unanimously approved to recommend VVSG 2.0 Requirements on February, 7 2020,

and sent the Requirements to the EAC Acting Executive Director via the Director of the National

Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in the capacity of the Chair of the TGDC on

March 9, 2020. Upon adoption, the VVSG 2.0 would become the fifth iteration of national level

voting system standards. The Federal Election Commission published the first two sets of federal

standards in 1990 and 2002. The EAC then adopted Version 1.0 of the VVSG on December 13,

2005. In an effort to update and improve version 1.0 of the VVSG, on March 31, 2015, the EAC

commissioners unanimously approved VVSG 1.1.

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